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**THE** Fourth of July is a gala day for every patriotic American citizen. It is proper that this should be so. And again on this day

## An Important Thing is the Eats

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Which furnishes the Very Finest Meals to be secured in the city. Lunches and Parties a specialty.

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### SUMNER

Mr. and Mrs. Will Ewing and daughter, Grace, have returned from an extended visit with relatives at Waterloo, Iowa.

Mrs. McClenathan and Mrs. Sam Cleverdon and daughter, Mildred, spent Wednesday visiting in Alma.

Miss Fenna Dragen is visiting with her aunt in Alma this week.

Philip Hicks was in Carson City on business Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dare Wallens of Eaton Rapids, former residents of Sumner, visited with friends here Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ferris and Mrs. E. H. Tucker attended the commencement exercises at Alma Thursday, when Iret Ferris was graduated.

Byron Finch and family spent the week end here visiting with relatives. Sheriff Bradford of Ithaca was here on legal business Thursday.

The Misses Olive and Lillian Pelton came Friday to spend their vacation with their mother. They are working in Lansing.

Mrs. E. H. Tucker and sister, Mrs. Worden, visited over the week end with Sam Hicks and wife of Elm Hall.

Mrs. Bertha Cleverdon and daughter, Mildred, attended the commencement exercises of Alma high school Thursday.

Miss Elsie Stearns has returned from an extended visit with relatives in Clinton county.

John Spencer of Camp Custer spent the week end here a guest of his father.

Mrs. Cora Johnson is spending the week in Greenville with her daughter, George Allen of Wheeler was here on business Tuesday.

H. N. Stearns and family spent Sunday in St. Johns, a guest at the home of Mr. Stearns' daughter.

Mrs. Ina McClelland of Carson City visited with her father, P. Hicks, Saturday.

The play given here Saturday night by local talent from Riverdale was highly pleasing to all who attended.

Miss Nora Donahue and brother left Monday to attend the summer normal at Mt. Pleasant.

Thom Donahue of Camp Custer spent Saturday and Sunday here with his parents.

Raymond and Paul Duffield of Toledo and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Harvey of Alma were week end guests of relatives here.

Mrs. M. J. Worden, who has been visiting with relatives here, returned to her home in Grand Rapids Monday.

Charles Booth, Sid Evey and Henry Lang left Saturday for a week's fishing trip at Horse Head Lake.

### FOREST HILL

A number from here attended the commencement exercises of the Alma high school Thursday evening.

Miss Edna Wilke of Chicago is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Wilke.

Miss Josephine Pringle of Alma is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Moody this week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Towersey spent the week end with their son, Bert, at Camp Custer.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Failing and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Studor of Saginaw, their daughter, Miss Gladys, and son Duff, Mrs. John Brown and daughter, Mildred, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Failing and George Towersey, autowed to Clare Sunday and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Failing.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Shibley and daughter, Miss Beatrice, of Alma called on Mrs. Emma Daily Sunday.

Earl Robinson is on the sick list. Emory Parsons and family, Walter Snyder and family, Mr. and Mrs. Minnick, Mr. and Mrs. D. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. H. Johnson and Mrs. Harvey Parsons spent the week end with relatives in Lansing.

Miss Freda Conley entertained her friend, Miss Cecelia Townsend, of North Star over the week end.

Mrs. Fred Robinson of Alma visited relatives in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carbridge and son, Dale, of Belding spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Courter.

Wm. Vanderbeek and wife, A. Conley and wife, Clara Vanderbeek and wife, Delbert Conley and wife, Miss Bessie Small and Howard Crawford spent from Friday until Sunday with our soldier boys at Camp Custer.

### ELM HALL

Mrs. M. B. Clapper spent the first of the week in Carson City.

Mrs. Morrison and son, John, returned to their home in Ionia Wednesday evening after spending several days with Mrs. Chas. Smith.

Rev. Phillips and family of Prescott spent Thursday night with O. H. Sly and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Boardman are entertaining their two granddaughters of Shiloh this week.

Miss Ruth Forquer of Riverdale spent last week with her friend, Leta Elliott.

Mrs. Butcher, Mrs. Blair, Mrs. Wm. Smith and Mrs. Charlie Smith visited the Red Cross at Alma Thursday afternoon.

An auto load of young people spent Thursday evening with Miss Harriet Hodges of Ithaca. Miss Hodges returned here with them.

Delbert Hicks and wife entertained his aunt, Mrs. Worden, of Muskegon Saturday.

Miss Fisk of McBain spent the week end with her aunt, Mrs. G. J. Sibley.

Wm. Adams and family of Alma spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. James Toy.

### CHANGE TIME ON P. M.

The time of the departure of trains from the Alma depot on the Pere Marquette, Saginaw and Grand Rapids division, has been changed considerably during the past week. Heavy traffic on this branch has also resulted in the afternoon trains being restored on this division, making three trains each way every day. The new time table follows:

Westbound	Eastbound
8:15 a. m.	10:15 a. m.
1:47 p. m.	4:16 p. m.
5:54 p. m.	8:55 p. m.

### NOTICE TO CADETS

The Alma high school cadets are requested to meet at the high school Thursday, July 4th, at 9:00 a. m., in full uniform, ready to take part in the Fourth of July parade.

## UNITE ON NEWBERRY

His Friends Believe He is the Man to Harmonize All Elements in the Republican Party.

Paul H. King, executive chairman of the Newberry Senatorial Committee, asked for an expression, has issued a statement for the press of Michigan as follows:

"I have been asked for a statement as to the position of our Committee, and am very glad, indeed, to make one, although as a matter of fact it had not occurred to me that one was necessary."

"The fact that a few of our good friends in the Democratic party have met together and decided upon a candidate for United States Senator has not in any way disturbed the friends of Commander Newberry, who are so earnestly and successfully advocating his nomination."

"This action has certainly aroused the spirit of the Republican party in the state. Many republicans do not hesitate to express themselves as believing that the party in Michigan is able to select its candidate for Senator without outside suggestion. Moreover, the attention of everyone has now been called to the necessity of the selection at this time for this high office of the ablest man available."

"It is unquestionably the patriotic duty of every citizen to lend his effort to help bring about the selection of such a man. That is why, I believe, the men of Michigan, irrespective of party in many instances, are rallying to the support of Truman H. Newberry. They know that he has the ability, the broad experience and the vision of the future and that his integrity is beyond question. He is not only in the service himself, but his sons also, and in fact his entire family. He is doing everything possible to help win the war. He is devoting his entire time and attention to his duties in the Third Naval District. His friends believe that he is just the man to unite all elements in the Republican party, and that as Senator he would acceptably serve the people of the whole state."

"We shall go steadily forward with our efforts in his behalf until the day of the primaries. We have literally thousands of assurances of support, and we are confident of his nomination and election."

### NOTICE

To owners, possessors, or occupiers of land or any person or persons, firm or corporation having charge of any lands in this state:

Notice is hereby given that all noxious weeds growing on any land in the township of Pine River, county of Gratiot or within the limits of any highway passing by or through such lands must be cut down and destroyed on or before the 15th day of July A. D., nineteen hundred eighteen.

Failure to comply with this notice on or before the date mentioned or within ten days thereafter shall make the parties so failing liable for the costs of cutting same and an additional levy of ten per centum of such cost, to be levied and collected against the property in the same manner as other taxes are levied and collected. Date June 20, 1918.

Bert Hamilton, Commissioner of Highways for the township of Pine River, county of Gratiot. 45-27-c

### Does Actual and Wonderful Daily Good in Alma.

This is the age of efficiency, and San-Yak is the efficiency in medicine for internal uses. For Throat, Stomach, Liver, Kidneys, Bladder and Bowels it proves a wonder in every case.

It prevents a boy-like hardening of the arteries at ages past 50 years. DR. BURNHAM'S SAN-YAK is the sure way to prevent paralysis and apoplexy. In its use you have prevented or cured kidney and bladder trouble. It is the greatest in use to prevent the clumsy, stiff joints and muscles and for neuritis and rheumatism and constipation. It has no parallel for the quality and results.

F. E. Gray, Alma, Michigan, the leading restaurant man, says: "I was sick from overwork and kidney trouble, had paralysis in my toes for several years, swelling of the feet and ankles. San-Yak has done wonders for me and for my wife also. I am willing to boost for a good cause."

P. C. Johnson, Masonic Home, Alma, says: "I was nearly dead from bladder and kidney trouble and rheumatism. SAN-YAK gave me quick relief and I had no trouble for more than one year."

Mrs. Allen Saylor of Angola says: "I have been troubled for years with dizziness and back trouble. After taking three bottles of San-Yak I feel like a new woman, and want to recommend it to everyone as a cure and worth a good deal more than you pay for it."

D. H. Jones, Homer, Mich., says: "I was greatly troubled for several years with high blood pressure, short in breath, bad kidney and bladder trouble, dizzy and sick. San-Yak has done everything for me and my health is fine at 72 years. I can work with ease and comfort."

"Sir: I have taken your medicine called San-Yak for serious nervousness and high blood pressure with satisfactory results, and have found it to be as good a healer as time or nature. Several friends have tried it upon my recommendation with as good results as my own."

Dr. J. J. Gott, Elyria, Ohio: "Dr. J. J. Weir, the eminent children's specialist, Millbury, Mich., says: 'This is to certify that I have prescribed San-Yak for a bad case of Stomach trouble and I am glad to say it helped really beyond my expectation. I can cheerfully recommend it to any one so afflicted.'

"One teaspoonful in glass of water half hour before breakfast beats all antiseptics and tonics for the stomach, bowels and kidneys. I have tried all kinds."

We can tell you of more cures in Alma. Sold by Chas. R. Murphy, successor of Rhodes, Alma, Michigan.

### SIDEWALK TAX.

Notice is hereby given that the sidewalk tax for sidewalks built up to June 1st, 1918, are now due and payable at my office.

All sidewalks not paid for by July 1st, 1918, will be spread upon the city tax roll and collected then.

Please call at the city hall and pay the above tax at once.

Dated, Alma, Michigan, June 1st, 1918.

Carl E. Gallagher, City Clerk. (47-3-c)

### TAKE NOTICE

The special sewer tax for the several sewer districts in the city of Alma for the year 1917 is past due, but the privilege of paying it has been extended to July 1, 1918. I will be at the council room to receive said taxes any time during the month of June.

Dated: Alma, Mich., June 1, 1918.

D. W. Adams, City Treas.

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**\$10.00** per ton

Until July 1st

Due to increased freight rates, the price of Coke will be **\$10.50** per ton beginning July 1

The price of coke beginning September 1st will probably be **\$11.00** per ton.

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and Save Money

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Members  
May 1, 1918



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Field!

\$70,000  
Cash in  
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**New Home of the Citizens Mutual Auto Insurance Company to be Opened at Howell, Michigan, May 10th, 1918**

This beautiful new office building, erected during the past year, will be opened as headquarters of Michigan's pioneer mutual auto insurance company about May 10th, and our friends and members will always find a welcome sign hanging out for them. The building is of modern tapestry brick construction, with ample office facilities to care for our growth for many years. It contains a large hall suitable for members' and agents' meetings with a capacity of two hundred persons, two large fire-proof vaults for company records and every modern office convenience. This building is located on Grand River avenue, Howell, in the heart of this thriving, centrally located Michigan city.

**Mr. Auto Owner, Your Risk is not Alone from Fire, Theft or Liability!—be sure the Company you Insure with is SOLID!**

### Growth Means Strength!

The Following Shows New Members Added and Claims Paid Each Month for 1917:

522	January	34	\$ 2,927.05
479	February	18	2,969.58
1978	March	23	2,599.77
2102	April	19	1,242.96
2434	May	27	3,740.06
2135	June	46	4,222.76
1280	July	45	5,598.18
1534	August	40	6,815.97
1283	September	56	6,146.97
1006	October	55	7,864.63
639	November	44	5,779.95
492	December	79	9,139.27
15,786		474	\$58,938.91

During the first three months of 1918 We Have Settled 132 Claims, Amounting to \$21,185.54.

Of course you are going to insure your automobile against fire, theft and liability this year—no thinking man will drive any car a mile without this protection—so the important point is to be sure the company you insure with is safe, trust-worthy and amply able to care for the losses which are bound to occur, so that you may be sure of protection when the emergency comes.

The Citizens' Mutual Auto Insurance Company is the pioneer in its field in Michigan. It begins its fourth successful season with more than 30,000 auto-owning members, not one of whom is a resident of Detroit or Grand Rapids, so that our losses are minimized. Every member of a mutual such as ours, adds one link in the chain of security by which your own auto is protected, so look to the number of members in the mutual you insure with.

Last year, 1917, we added 15,786 new members and thus increased the strength of this pioneer mutual by just that number. Auto insurance is a mighty risky business. In the first three months of 1918 we settled 132 claims amounting to \$21,185.54, last year (1917) we paid out a total of \$58,938.91, so the company you insure with must be well-financed and ready to meet the heavy losses which are sure to come.

Why take a chance? You know the Citizens' Mutual, you know the men behind it, you know that your share of liability with 30,000 other auto owners and that back of your company always is a large reserve fund of actual cash to meet any emergency.

When the accident happens, you want protection, not excuses!

Don't take a chance when it is unnecessary, insure with

**Citizen's Mutual Auto Insurance Co.**

W. E. ROBB, Secretary, Howell, Michigan